

Democracy -- a true democracy -- requires an electorate with full and fair access to the facts. This in turn requires free press; a cornerstone of our Constitution.

For the privilege of using the public airwave. Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. instead, it is forcing its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Where is equal time? Where are any assurances that the messages it is so imposing on its stations are factually correct. While a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, this latest gambit threatens the foundation of our democratic system. The press must play fair! It is the FCC's mission/duty to enforce the rules.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.